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March 9, 2015

TO: Each Supervisor
FROM: Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO
ACCEPT AN AMENDED LETTER OF AWARD FROM THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – TUBERCULOSIS
CONTROL BRANCH TO SUPPORT TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION
AND CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2014
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on June 10, 2014, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the Letters of Award (LOA) from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Tuberculosis Control Branch (TBCB), that provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each term's annual base award, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

On August 28, 2014, the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH) notified your Board that he was exercising delegated authority to accept an LOA in the amount of \$1,791,738, consisting of a Base Award of \$1,555,980 and an allotment of up to \$235,738 for food, shelter, incentives, and enablers (FSIE), for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 (FY 2014-2015).

Under the delegated authority referenced above, I will accept an Amended LOA from CDPH-TBCB which provides additional funding in the amount of \$75,215, for partially reimbursable State-mandated tuberculosis (TB) control activities, increasing the base award from \$1,555,980 to \$1,631,194, for FY 2014-2015. This LOA does not affect the FSIE allotment of \$235,738 previously issued for FY 2014-15.

In 2012, the Commission on State Mandates determined that Health and Safety Code (H&SC) Sections 121361, 121362 and 121366 imposed a partially reimbursable State-mandated program upon local agencies. To address these activities, the H&SC was amended to include Sections 121451 and 121452 and \$250,000 was added to FY 2014-2015 state-wide local assistance funds for TB control.

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The new H&SC Sections require that local entities receiving funding from the State for the purposes of TB control first allocate monies received to the activities described in Sections 121451 and 121452 before allocating monies for any other purposes or activities. The funding increase will offset the salaries of two DPH nursing staff that perform reimbursable State-mandated TB control activities consistent with H&SC Sections 121451 & 121452.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the LOA as to use and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisor